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## Do you know which fireworks are legal?

Celebrating with sparklers in Tempe this July 4th is allowed, but the Tempe Fire, Medical, Rescue Department and Police Department remind residents that many other types of fireworks are illegal to use within city limits.

A state law that took effect in 2011 allows for the sale of consumer fireworks at retail and temporary locations, while still allowing Arizona cities and towns to ban their use. In 2010, the Tempe City Council joined several other communities across the state in banning the use of consumer fireworks to prevent injuries and fires.

Novelty fireworks are allowed to be used in Tempe; they include handheld sparklers, smoke devices, party poppers, snappers and snakes. Consumer fireworks are illegal to use within city limits; they include ground-based sparklers in cylindrical, square, cone or rocket shapes, as well as aerial fireworks like roman candles, firecrackers, sky rockets and bottle rockets. Visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire) for more details.

The penalty for violating the city's ordinance is a minimum fine of \$250. The ordinance also allows Tempe to recoup expenses if emergency services are needed in conjunction with the use of consumer fireworks.



## July 4th Festival lights up the sky

Tempe will celebrate Independence Day in grand fashion by hosting the largest annual fireworks display in Arizona. Tickets go on sale June 2 for the annual FOX 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival. Produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe to benefit children's charities, the event happens July 4 at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. Gates open at 5 p.m. All ages can celebrate with live local entertainment, the AZCentral.com Splash Playground, kid's activities, games and rock climbing walls. The 35-minute fireworks show will be launched from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to patriotic and classical music.

Children 12 and younger and active military with military ID card receive free general admission. Tickets can be purchased at:

- City of Tempe offices: Advance general admission tickets are \$5 until July 3.
- Fry's and Fry's Marketplace stores: Advance general admission tickets are \$5, plus applicable service charges, at all Valley Fry's stores.
- [www.Tempe4th.com](http://www.Tempe4th.com): Advance general admission tickets are \$5 each, plus applicable service charges. VIP Garden tickets are available online in advance, for \$60 for adults and \$30 for kids ages 5 to 12, plus applicable service charges.
- Event gate on day-of: Adult tickets are \$8 each or two for \$15. Tickets will be sold at the gate until the park reaches capacity. Pre-sale tickets will be honored all night.

For the seventh year, aspiring singers are invited to participate in the Star Spangled Idol Contest. The winner will perform the National Anthem at the event. Visit [www.tempe4th.com](http://www.tempe4th.com) for more information, including parking, transit, what types of items can be brought into the event and more.



## Celebrate at the arts center

Watch fireworks over Tempe Town Lake, listen to music by Walt Richardson and enjoy a buffet dinner in the cool comfort of the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. The Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts presents the 4th of July Spectacular from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, July 4. General admission tickets are \$50 plus ticketing fees. VIP tickets cost \$75 plus ticketing fees and include access to views from the Rooftop Terrace and 201 Lounge. Parking is included. Tickets are on sale through the TCA Box Office. Call 480-350-2822 or visit <http://tca.ticketforce.com> or [www.friendsoftca.org](http://www.friendsoftca.org).

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## Neighbors spread homegrown Tempe compost at Goodwin Park

On a Saturday morning in May, residents in south Tempe's Alta Mira neighborhood came out with shovels, rakes, wheel barrows and elbow grease to help spread 25 yards of homegrown Tempe compost around recently planted trees at Goodwin Park.

The nutrient-rich compost, part of Tempe's first homegrown batch, was created over the last year using green organic waste collected from Tempe parks, golf courses, city facilities and residents' yards. Compost helps create healthy soil, promote healthy tree growth and foster efficient water use. Residents also took home some of the compost for their own gardens and landscaping. For details on all of Tempe's sustainability efforts, visit [www.tempe.gov/publicworks](http://www.tempe.gov/publicworks) and click on "Sustainable Tempe."



## Kid Zone Before & After School Programs

The Kid Zone Enrichment Program is a dynamic community response to the needs of families in Tempe. Kid Zone operates both before and after school programs at 17 Tempe and Kyrene

schools, to serve children needing safe, enriching places to spend their time outside of school.

Children in kindergarten through eighth grades are able to develop their cognitive, social and physical skills through a variety of structured enrichment activities. Kid Zone operates on all days that school is in session, with additional programs during fall, winter, spring and summer breaks. Kid Zone also offers pre-school programming for children 3 years through pre-kindergarten. Schedules and curriculum vary by age.

For information on fees, registration and site tours, call 480-350-5400 or visit [www.tempe.gov/kidzone](http://www.tempe.gov/kidzone).



## Pollution prevention starts at home

Every street, gutter, storm drain and retention basin in Tempe is a pathway to our groundwater and urban lakes – meaning what we do at home can impact the quality of our water environment. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency identifies stormwater pollution as the leading threat to water quality in the United States.

Water that washes over the earth can pick up a variety of contaminants that can run into lakes and streams, directly or by way of the storm drain system. The majority of water pollution occurs from things like cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms, lawns and gardens, failing septic tanks, pet waste and other residential activities.

Because water that enters Tempe's stormwater system is untreated and drains directly to our waterways or retention basins, it's important to recognize our role in preventing pollutants from entering the system. Residents are the first line of defense in protecting our vital and scarce water resources.

Some tips for keeping our waterways safe:

- Pick up pet waste.
- Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks.
- Don't dump oil or anti-freeze in the street or drain.
- Use sawdust or kitty litter to clean up auto leaks and spills. Never hose down spills into the gutter.
- Avoid applying pesticides and fertilizers when rain is predicted.
- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street and gutter.
- Take your unused or expired medications to Tempe's Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive. Never flush them down the toilet.

Making sure that only rain goes to storm drains is something that everyone can do to make a difference in the quality of our environment. For more tips and information, visit [www.tempe.gov/stormwater](http://www.tempe.gov/stormwater).

## Tempe takes playtime seriously

For the sixth time in as many years, Tempe has been recognized as a Playful City USA community by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting play in children's lives. Playful City USA advocates for local policies that increase play spaces and opportunities for children. Today's youth spend less time playing outside than any previous generation, creating what KaBOOM! calls a Play Deficit. KaBOOM! selected Tempe as a Playful City USA community for its outstanding dedication to play. Tempe hosts annual play days to allow community members of all ages to get out and get active. PlayDay 2014 was held on April 12 and featured structured and un-structured play activities including the inaugural Diablo Dash, softball, football, dance and movement and much more. Visit [www.tempe.gov/familyactivities](http://www.tempe.gov/familyactivities) for more family-friendly fun.

## Child safety is critical each summer

As the weather grows increasingly hot, temperatures inside a vehicle can escalate and very quickly cause heat stress and ultimately heat stroke and death. The following safety tips are from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Tempe Police and Tempe Fire, Medical, Rescue departments:

- If you see a child unattended in a vehicle, call 9-1-1 immediately. Every second counts!
- Never leave infants or children unattended in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.
- Make a “circle of safety” habit of walking around and looking inside and all the way around the vehicle every time you approach your vehicle.
- When leaving your child at childcare, make a habit with your spouse or partner to call and make sure the drop went according to plan.
- Request your childcare provider make contact with you if your child does not arrive for childcare.
- Always lock vehicle doors and trunks and keep keys out of children’s reach; if a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk.

Consider several tips to remind yourself that a child is in the vehicle, such as:

- Writing yourself a note and putting the note where you will see it when you leave the vehicle.
- Placing your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat so that you will have to check the back seat when you leave the vehicle.
- Keeping an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. When the child is buckled in, place the object where the driver will notice it when he or she is leaving the vehicle.

More information can be found at [www.kidsandcars.org/heatstroke.html](http://www.kidsandcars.org/heatstroke.html).

**Interested in  
volunteering  
in Tempe?**

**Check out the  
“Get Involved” tab on  
the city’s homepage at  
[www.tempe.gov](http://www.tempe.gov)**



## Fire cadets show their skills

Six volunteer cadets from the Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department who aspire to work in the fire service competed in April in a first-ever regional skills contest and swept six

of eight award categories.

Deputy Chief Craig Fredricks said the young people excelled in activities such as using emergency escape techniques, searching a smoky room as a team, forcing entry into a structure, and running an obstacle course. The competition was held in Chandler, with participating cadets from other local fire agencies.

“It was pretty incredible. They did a great job,” Fredricks said. “Our cadets have a great attitude. They were very competitive but it was also one big team too.”

The Tempe cadet program currently has about a dozen participants and all have graduated high school. Some will go on to be hired by Tempe or other local departments and enter training academies. The volunteers work four hours a week and get a taste of the fire service culture and its job duties. They can even earn college credits through the program. In exchange for mentoring the cadets, Tempe gets assistance with routine tasks such as taking vehicles in for service or fueling, delivering equipment to fire stations, maintaining the grounds at the city’s Fire Training Center and more.

The Tempe cadets who participated were Kurt Schupe, Kyle Knight, Doug Hickethier, Austin Jardine, Chris Yurgle and Parker Rex. For more information on the Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department’s Cadet Program, visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire).

## Zero Waste event kept 61 tons of waste out of landfill

The sun was barely up and already Tempe residents were lining up in front of Tempe’s Fire Training Facility, their cars filled with boxes of junk mail, broken computers, old clothes and shoes, half-empty paint cans, unused pesticides and cleaners. By 1 p.m., more than 900 cars had made their way through the carefully planned maze of recycling stations, including electronic waste, paint and household chemicals, paper shredding and textiles, as part of Tempe’s Zero Waste Day.

Residents delivered more than 61 tons of waste, diverting it from the landfill. In return, they drove away with free homegrown Tempe compost and recycled paint. The city gave away nearly 20,000 pounds of compost and more than 4,000 pounds of recycled latex paint.

“We had record-level participation in this spring’s Zero Waste Day,” Mayor Mark Mitchell said. “We thank our residents for being forward-thinking, caring about the environment and helping to keep Tempe at the forefront of sustainability.”

Tempe collected 33,000 pounds of electronic waste (including computers, printers, phones and TVs), more than 40,000 pounds of household hazardous waste (pool chemicals, pesticides, cleaning products, paint and other hazardous products), as well as books, golf balls, plastic bags, old shoes, clothing and linens – all of which will be repurposed, recycled or disposed safely.

# Calendar

**This is the tentative June/July schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.**

## June 12, 2014

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

## June 16, 2014

4 p.m., Committee of the Whole

## June 26, 2014

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

## July 31, 2014

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates, times and locations with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk).

**Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).**

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# News you can use

## Two budget hearing dates this month

The City Council will hold two budget-related hearings for the 2014-15 fiscal year. They will be held during the 7:30 p.m. Regular Council Meetings on June 12 and June 26 in the City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St. Meetings can be watched on Cox Channel 11 in Tempe or streamed live at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11). Background information on the 2014-15 budgets is at [www.tempe.gov/budgetplan](http://www.tempe.gov/budgetplan).

## Cool off at Kiwanis!

You don't need to head to the beach to catch some waves – Kiwanis Wave Pool is open all summer! Waves run daily from 1-5 p.m. now through July. Bring the family to the Kiwanis Wave Pool on select weekends from 1-3 p.m. for theme day savings:

July 5-6:	Armed Forces Weekend
July 26-27:	Back to School Supply Drive
Aug. 9-10:	Grandparents Weekend
Aug. 23-24:	Tempe Summer Sports Weekend

For more information on Kiwanis Wave Pool, visit [www.tempe.gov/waves](http://www.tempe.gov/waves).

## Tempe 311 mobile app is a handy tool for reporting issues

Ever pass a pothole, a broken streetlight or graffiti and wish you could report it on the spot? You can with the Tempe 311 mobile app for iPhone and Android users. Download it at [www.tempe.gov/tempe311](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe311). Don't have a smart phone? No problem. Simply report the issue to Tempe 311 by filling out an online form at [www.tempe.gov/tempe311](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe311) or by calling 480-350-4311.

## Three local district high schools awarded 2014 A+ rating

Tempe, Corona del Sol and Mountain Pointe high schools have been awarded the prestigious A+ rating by the State of Arizona and the Arizona Education Foundation. McClintock High School was named an "A+ School" in 2012, joining Desert Vista (2011) and Mountain Pointe (2010). This is the second time that Mountain Pointe has received the A+ rating.

## Celebrate freedom with political comedy at Tempe Center for the Arts

The real fireworks on Fourth of July won't be outside – they will be inside Tempe Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. on July 4. Tempe Comedy Concert Series brings back Right Wing, Left Wing. The event's producer, Tony Vicich, will create a town hall format featuring conservative comics on one side and liberal comics on the other. The only thing holding them back is a moderator. Hear jokes about the hot button topics affecting the nation the state and the city as a celebration of our freedom of speech. Bring questions for the comics. The show ends just in time for everyone to watch fireworks over Tempe Town Lake. Tickets are on sale through the TCA Box Office. Call 480-350-2822 or visit <http://tca.ticketforce.com>.

## Paint your summer beautiful at Art After Work

Gather friends and co-workers and cool off with an evening of painting at the inspirational Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Art After Work moves to Fridays for the summer. Once a month, art teacher Laura Hukill leads a fun, laid-back class that requires no art experience. Participants relax during a friendly night of art making with enough guidance to ensure that everyone leaves with a personal masterpiece. Themes change each time. Register online now for the July 25 or Aug. 15 program. Art After Work is capped at 25 people to give everyone lots of personal attention. Registration must be completed by noon on the day prior to class. The cost is \$35 which includes all necessary art supplies and an \$8 food & beverage voucher. Find out more at [www.tempe.gov/artafterwork](http://www.tempe.gov/artafterwork).

## Donate lifesaving water this summer

Hot weather is here and Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) partners with other service providers throughout the Heat Relief Network to provide hydration stations and heat refuge for people in need. Anyone can help address this urgent need by hosting water drives and by donating to TCAA. Drop off donations Monday through Friday all summer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at TCAA, 2150 E Orange St. or call Kathy Estrada at 480-350-5879 to arrange for pickup of water donations.





## Tempe Leadership class raises \$60,000 for two refrigerated food trucks

In April, Tempe Leadership Class XXIX donated two refrigerated food trucks to United Food Bank for use in getting nutritious, perishable food to those in need.

Class XXIX, made up of 18 people who live or work in Tempe, raised \$60,000 in three months to purchase the vehicles. The funds were coupled with a \$30,000 Walmart grant given directly to United Food Bank to complete the purchase.

United Food Bank will deploy the trucks to partner agencies across the Valley. This increased capacity will allow local and neighborhood food pantries to distribute more produce, dairy and other fresh foods instead of only nonperishable packaged foods.

Access to nutritious fresh food is a key way to eliminate urban food deserts and increase the health of those who face hunger every day in Arizona.

Tanya Chavez, President of the Tempe Leadership Board of Directors, said the organization is proud of Class XXIX's efforts.

"It exemplifies what Tempe Leadership is all about: creating and empowering leaders and community champions who use their time and talent to make Tempe a great place to live," she said.

Since 1985, more than 700 diverse, dedicated individuals have participated in the Tempe Leadership program. As a program of and in partnership with the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the focus is to bring together like-minded individuals in the community to engage and challenge one another, learn more about the ins and outs of Tempe and, most importantly, make a real difference in the community. For more information, visit [www.tempeleadership.org](http://www.tempeleadership.org).

## Summer of Love at Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts

The Summer of Love exhibition features colorful artworks about the many kinds of love – love of family, love of friends, love of the world and romantic love. See ceramic sculptures, botanical prints and drawings, original children's book illustrations and contemporary paintings and installations. Summer of Love also includes historical and contemporary displays about symbols of love from the Desert Botanical Garden Archives, Tempe History Museum and Bobbie's Flowers of Tempe. Featured artists include: Marco Albarran, Denise Currier, Esmeralda Delaney, Molly Idle, Sandra Luerhsen, Frank Ybarra and art students from local Tempe high schools and others.

Drop in with the family for free hands-on art projects with artists in the show each Saturday through Sept. 20 from noon-2 p.m. Tempe Center for the Arts, [www.tempe.gov/tcagallery](http://www.tempe.gov/tcagallery), is located at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe. Admission is free. No registration is required. Find Tempe Center for the Arts on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tempecenterforthearts](http://www.facebook.com/tempecenterforthearts).



## Wild Wednesdays at Tempe History Museum return

Eat, play and grow healthy at Wild Wednesdays this summer. Through crafts, stories, music, motion and nibbles of nutritious snacks, Tempe History Museum will teach kids the essential facts and simple strategies that make healthy eating choices easy.

Wild Wednesday take place each Wednesday during museum hours. Tempe History Museum is located at 809 E. Southern Ave., next to the Tempe Public Library on Rural Road and Southern Ave. Admission is always free. For hours, visit [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum). Find Tempe History Museum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tempehistorymuseum](http://www.facebook.com/tempehistorymuseum).

### July 9: Move to the Beat

Find out how important exercise and sleep are to maintaining healthy levels of energy

### July 16: Perfect Portions

How much should you eat of different foods to stay healthy?

### July 23: Sun and Water

How much water do you need to stay hydrated? How do you keep the sun as a friend?

# finally **FRIDAY** Get the weekend going with Finally Friday

Fine Art. Fine food. Fabulous view.

Free music, free appetizers and free admission to an art gallery - Finally Friday at Tempe Center for the Arts gets the weekend started right. Take in the Summer of Love exhibition in the Gallery at TCA. Listen to musicians from the Songwriters' Showcase in the Lounge at TCA while nibbling on appetizers by Atlasta Catering and Event Concepts. Buy a beverage and enjoy the best view in the Valley from the rooftop terrace. Finally Friday takes place each week from 5-7 p.m. at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.

Don't want to leave? Buy a ticket to the Tempe Comedy Concert Series. It starts at 7:30 p.m. on most Fridays. There's no drink minimum and tickets start at \$10. Promo code TONY gets a \$2 discount. Check the calendar at [www.tempe.gov/tcaevents](http://www.tempe.gov/tcaevents) before heading over to see the other great events taking place at Tempe Center for the Arts. Find TCA on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TempeCenterForTheArts](http://www.facebook.com/TempeCenterForTheArts).

## Tempe Public Library is more than books

Check out these great happenings coming up at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. Find details at [www.tempe.gov/library](http://www.tempe.gov/library) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tempepubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/tempepubliclibrary).

- Explore space with Dr. Sky – NASA Solar System Educator Steven Kates, also known as Dr. Sky, brings outer space inside the library at 6:30 p.m., July 1. Dr. Sky will show guests how best to use telescopes and binoculars, find great locations to observe the sky, offer beginner's tips on star charts and telescopes and teach people how to identify the major planets, stars and satellites. The program is free and appropriate for adults and older children. No registration is required.
- Save us from those 'Demon Foods' – Exorcise those demon foods out of your diet with the help of Chef Larry P. Canepa, a Certified Culinary Educator. Canepa will discuss the current crazes, diets, fads, fact and fiction of food at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15. Take a look back at the foods of yesteryear and the fantastic foods of the future. We are what we eat and knowledge allows us to make good nutritional choices. The program is best for those over 18. It's free and no registration is required.
- To Infinity and Beyond! Tech Fair comes to library – Whether you are thrilled or confused by technology, the library will have something to interest everyone at its Tech Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 26. Try out a variety of eReaders and tablets, learn about the library's ebook and audiobook collections and get an overview of popular websites. Find out how 3-D printing works and see what's under the lid of a computer. To make the day even more fun, there will be storytime and arts and crafts for the kids. Enter to win a Kindle Fire and other prizes. It's free, great for the whole family and no registration is required.
- Summer reading program – Keep your kids active, happy and learning all summer long with the Summer Reading Program at the library. Make crafts and enjoy kid-friendly entertainment every Thursday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Each week is different so come back every Thursday. It's free, great for the whole family and no registration is required.

July 3 - Reptile Adventures

July 10 - Tempe Police Department K9 Unit

July 17 - Mother Goose

July 24 - Mad Science: Fire and Ice

- Teen Time – Teens ages 13-18 come together every other Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. for a movie and an activity. From 4-5 p.m. on Wednesdays, they battle for bragging rights on wall-sized video games with Game On. It's free and no registration is required.

July 8 Movie: Adventures in Babysitting  
Craft: Make Your Own Flair

July 22 Movie: A Knight's Tale  
Craft: Craft a Catapult; Fight in the Marshmallow Wars!

Game On Videogaming: July 2, 9, 16 and 23